



Billy Thompson

Rosewood Heights | Sunday, January 17 2016

Billy Ray Thompson, 82, of Rosewood Heights, IL, passed away at 9:56 p.m. Sunday, January 17, 2016 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton.

He was born Nov. 3, 1933 in Osceola, AR to the late Ira Ruben & Ora (Neely) Thompson.

On Aug. 3, 1953, he and Frances Marie Estes were married in Bono, AR. She preceded him in death on Apr. 24, 2015.

Mr. Thompson was a U.S. Air Force Korean War veteran serving from 1953 to 1957. He retired in 1993 from McDonnell-Douglas as an Expeditor. He had been a member of the East Alton American Legion.

Survivors include a son, Tim Thompson of Dorsey, IL; 2 daughters, Peggy (Nick) Giacalone of Bethalto, IL and Nikki (Jason) Lockhart of Alton, IL; 5 grandchildren, Kristin (Travis) Steward, Nicholas J. Giacalone, Lindsay (Kyle) Kampwerth and Grant & T.J. Lockhart; 3 great-grandchildren, Sam Steward, Kolton Kampwerth, and Brooklyn Steward; a brother, Joe (Doris) Thompson of AR; 1 sister, Ruby (R.L.) Johnson of Granite City, IL; 2 sisters-in-law, JoAnn Martin of AR and Wilma Lee; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, J.D. Martin and 2 sisters, Juanita Broadaway and Jenny West.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 at Paynic Home for Funerals, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22. Pastor Ron Wenzel will officiate.

Burial will follow at Woodland Hill Cemetery in East Alton.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Online guestbook is available at www.paynicfh.com